

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**TOWN OF SPENCER**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**November 13, 2014**

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Spencer in the County of Worcester,  
Greetings.

IN THE NAME OF THE Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at Memorial Town Hall, 157 Main Street, in said Spencer on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

**Article 1:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR'S EXPENSE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars, and Six Cents (\$193.06) to pay prior year expenses (Injured on Duty Insurance) for the Police Department and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from certified and available Free Cash; or to take any action relating thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

**Article 2:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR'S EXPENSE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars, and No Cents (\$1,838.00) to pay a prior year expense (Laboratory Water Quality Testing) for the Water Department and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from certified and available Retained Earnings; or to take any action relating thereto. *(Sponsored by the Water Commissioners)*

**Article 3:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ARTICLE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 12 from the May 1, 2014 Annual Town Meeting in order to raise and appropriate an additional sum of Twenty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty Dollars and No Cents (\$24,260.00) for additional Smith Regional Agricultural High School Tuition (\$22,460 to Account #11300-52000) and Transportation Assessment (\$1,800 to Account #11300-52100) for Fiscal Year 2015; or take any action relating thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

**Article 4:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ARTICLE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 13 from the May 1, 2014 Annual Town Meeting in order to reduce the appropriation by the sum of Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and No Cents (\$8,631.00) for reduced Tantasqua Regional High School Non-resident Tuition (\$2,331 from Account #11300-52000) and Transportation Assessment (\$6,300 from Account #11300-52100) for Fiscal Year 2015; or take any action relating thereto. *(Sponsored by the Town Administrator)*

**Article 5:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ARTICLE FOR THE FY2015 GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 7 from the May 1, 2014 Annual Town Meeting for the purposes of voting to approve the following Article #6 that will adjust the Fiscal Year 2015 General Government Operating Budget; said rescission is contingent upon the approval of Article #6; or take any action relating thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*

**Article 6:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE THE REVISED FY2015 GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Million, Five Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Five Dollars and No Cents (\$8,549,405.00) to pay for the operations of the General Government expenses for Fiscal Year 2015, and to meet said appropriation from a transfer of Sixty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$60,000.00) from the Overlay Surplus Account, a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Wetlands Protection Fund, and a transfer of Eighty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$80,000.00) from certified and available Free Cash, from taxation, from available funds in the Treasury, and anticipated receipts as may be

needed or decided necessary; or take any action relating thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*

*Note: The amended Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget is attached is attached separately to the Town Meeting Hand-out and can also be viewed on the Town's website at [www.spencerma.gov](http://www.spencerma.gov).*

#### **Article 7:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES CONTINGENT ON PROPOSITION 2 ½ OVERRIDE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$484,000.00) to fund a portion of the operations of General Government expenses [Council on Aging (\$90,000), Richard Sugden Library (\$92,000), Fire Department (\$36,000), Police Department (\$16,000), Highway Department (\$51,000), Parks & Recreation (\$61,000), Board of Health (\$4,000), Town Administrator (\$10,000), Town Accountant (\$10,000), Assessors (\$24,000), Treasurer/Collector (\$17,000), Town Clerk (\$26,000), Inspectional Services (\$37,000), and Miscellaneous Boards and Committees (\$10,000)] for Fiscal Year 2015, provided however that said appropriation is contingent upon an election approval for a so called Proposition 2 ½ Override referendum question at the Special Town Election of November 4, 2014; or take any action relating thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator)*

#### **Article 8:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER MONIES TO FUND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$96,500.00) for capital equipment purchases and capital improvements, as generally illustrated below, and to meet said appropriation by transferring Eighty-Seven Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$87,000.00) from previously certified and available Free Cash and Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$9,500.00) from the Sugden Block Unreserved Balance (Account# 29000-35900); or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee and the Town Administrator)*

<b><u>Dept.</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Sugden Block	Ceiling and Electrical Repairs	\$ 9,500.00
Fire Department	Additional Annex Improvements	\$ 9,500.00
Town Hall	Electric Vehicle & Charging Station	\$ 27,500.00
Town Hall	Town Hall Boiler Replacement Project	\$ 50,000.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 96,500.00</b>

**Article 9:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER MONIES TO FUND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$100,000.00) for a Water Department Capital Efficiency Plan capital project, as approved by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC), and to meet said appropriation by transferring said sum from previously certified and available Retained Earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund; or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Water Commissioners and the Capital Improvements Planning Committee)*

**Article 10:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT A LICENSE FEE EXEMPTION**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 139, Paragraph (c), which authorizes the Town to provide an exemption for persons aged 70 years or older when applying for a dog license or renewal; or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*

**Article 11:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT DONATION FOR LAND PURCHASE**

To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation from Common Ground Land Trust in the amount of Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$8,250.00) for the purposes of providing a match to the funding by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purchase of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on property known as "the Small Farm", located at 3 Wire Village Road and North Spencer Road, currently owned by Spencer Farms, LLC and shown as Assessors Map/Lot R38-20; or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*

**Article 12:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration of less than \$1,000 per parcel and upon such terms and conditions as it deems reasonable, appropriate, and in the best interest of the Town, to purchase, accept as a gift, or take by eminent domain all interests for the proposed Main Street Reconstruction project to be funded under the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) program, and generally taking place from its intersection with High Street to the intersection of Grove Street and further to transfer Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Land Acquisition Stabilization Fund for said purposes, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate, execute, deliver, and accept such deeds and other documents it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this article; or take any action relative thereto. *(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator)*



And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting an attested copy in at least three places fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

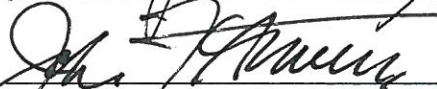
HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen.



Robert Bo. Furb



Gary Woodling



Board of Selectmen

A true copy. Attest.

\_\_\_\_\_ Constable

Worcester, SS.

OCTOBER 27th, 2014 Date

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have posted and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Spencer by posting an attested copy in at least three places at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.



Constable of Spencer

NOTICE: Persons needing a sign language interpreter or other hearing assistance device, please contact the Board of Selectmen.